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COMMISSION (USITC) MAKES AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF USITC PRESS

RELEASE DATED APRIL 2 ANNOUNCING THAT THE DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF IRON BLUE PIGMENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE IMPORT RELIEF PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. (BEGIN TEXT):

THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION TODAY RECOMMENDED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IMPORT RELIEF BE GRANTED TO THE U.S. INDUSTRY PRODUCING IRON BLUE PIGMENTS. IRON BLUE PIGMENTS ARE USED PRIMARILY IN THE PRODUCTION OF PRINTING INKS AND BLUE CARBON PAPER.

COMMISSIONERS WILL E. LEONARD, DANIEL MINCHEW, GEORGE M. MOORE, CATHERINE BEDELL, AND JOSEPH D. PARKER JOINED IN THE MAJORITY OPINION, FINDING THE IRON BLUE PIGMENT INDUSTRY ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORT RELIEF UNDER THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. COMMISSIONER ITALO H. ABLONDI DISSENTED. COMMIS-

SIONERS LEONARD AND MINCHEW FOUND THE INDUSTRY IS PRESENTLY SUFFERING SERIOUS INJURY FROM INCREASED IMPORTS OF IRON BLUE PIGMENTS. COMMISSIONERS MOORE, BEDELL, AND PARKER FOUND THE INDUSTRY THREATENED WITH SERIOUS INJURY.

THE COMMISSIONERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDED RELIEF IN THE FORM OF INCREASED DUTIES BE IMPOSED ON IMPORTS OF IRON BLUE PIGMENTS OVER A 5-YEAR PERIOD. A DUTY OF 18 PERCENT AD VALOREM WOULD BE LEVIED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE RELIEF, IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT DUTY OF 2.7 CENTS PER POUND. EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR YEARS, THE AD VALOREM DUTY WOULD BE REDUCED BY 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS (AS A RESULT THE PROPOSED COMPOUND DUTY WOULD DECLINE FROM 2.7 CENTS PER POUND PLUS 18 PERCENT AD VALOREM THE FIRST YEAR TO 2.7 CENTS PLUS 6 PERCENT THE FIFTH YEAR). AFTER THE FIFTH YEAR, THE DUTY WOULD RETURN TO 2.7 CENTS PER POUND, THE DUTY CURRENTLY IN EFFECT.

U.S. IMPORTS OF IRON BLUE PIGMENTS COME MAINLY FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, AND WEST GERMANY. IN 1974, THESE IMPORTS TOTALED ABOUT 5,133,000 POUNDS AND WERE VALUED AT \$2,679,000. IMPORTS PROVIDED ONLY 9 PERCENT OF DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IN 1968, BUT BY 1974, THEY HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASED TO 33 PERCENT. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF IRON BLUE PIGMENTS IN 1974 TOTALED ABOUT 15,779,000 POUNDS. END TEXT.

2. EXECUTIVE AGENCIES WILL ANALYZE REPORT AND FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT MAY ACCEPT, MODIFY OR REJECT THE PROPOSED NEW TARIFF ARRANGEMENT. HE WILL MAKE A DECISION WITHIN 60 DAYS.

3. US MISSION OECD PARIS INFORM THE OECD SECRETARIAT.  
US MISSION GENEVA NOTIFY THE GATT SECRETARIAT REQUESTING  
THAT THE COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION BE  
CIRCULATED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. COPIES COMMISSION REPORT AIRPOUCHED ASAP. KISSINGER

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